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Governor Beshear proclaims May 6-12 Drinking Water Week in Kentucky *'Celebrate the Essential' is this year's theme*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 3, 2012) – Governor Steven Beshear has proclaimed May 6 through 12 as Drinking Water Week in Kentucky. This annual event recognizes the importance of water source protection and conservation, as well as the value and fragility of the state's water resources.

"Safe drinking water plays a vital role in citizens' everyday lives and is critical to the Commonwealth's economy," said Gov. Beshear. "Our health, comfort and standard of living depend on an abundant supply of safe drinking water. I urge Kentuckians to get involved in decisions that affect their local drinking water supplies."

The 1996 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act established provisions to give customers of public water systems greater access to information and opportunities to participate in drinking water issues. The "right-to-know" provisions are based on the premise that accountability to the public is vital for addressing and preventing threats to drinking water. A few ways you can get involved:

- Read the Consumer Confidence Report sent each July by your local water utility.
- Comment on new drinking water regulations and support documents.
- Participate in community activities to protect your water source.
- Attend public meetings and public hearings or your local water system's board meetings.
- Report unusual activities, threats or pollution spills in your watershed.

To learn more about how the Kentucky Division of Water is working to ensure safe drinking water, visit their website at <http://water.ky.gov/>.

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